



Southeast Conference



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R.E.: Your email of 11/22

Mr. Bockhorst:

Enclosed please find a signed copy of the Southeast Conference Resolution # 03-13. This is to certify that the resolution was submitted in the course of normal process with the requisite number of sponsors during our annual meeting held in Craig Alaska in September, 2002. The resolution was reviewed by the board of directors, and forwarded to the membership with a "do pass" recommendation. It was approved by the membership with unanimous consent on the date noted in the resolution.

We request that the resolution be included in the permanent record of deliberation on this issue.

Sincerely,

Loren Gerhard
Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE PROPOSING AN
ENHANCED ROLE OF LOCAL DETERMINATION FOR REGIONS OF
THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF MORE FLEXIBLE BOUNDARIES THAN THE CURRENT MODEL
BOROUGH BOUNDARY PROPOSAL ALLOWS
(Resolution 03-13)**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill #359, Section 3, New Borough Incorporation, passed by the 2nd Session of the 22 Alaska Legislature, calls for the Local Boundary Commission to review conditions in the Unorganized Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article X, Section 3, allows for, among other things, Borough consolidations and mergers; and

WHEREAS, no new Alaska boroughs have been organized in over ten years; and

WHEREAS, the present system of creating boroughs is antiquated and cumbersome and acts as a disincentive to the regions of Alaska who would otherwise entertain borough formation; and

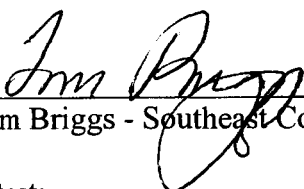
WHEREAS, the economics of the State have dramatically declined and changed within the past ten years, rendering the Model Borough Boundary proposal of 1992 obsolete and impractical.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeast Conference encourages the Alaska State Legislature to revisit the regulations and standards under which the Model Borough Boundaries were adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Alaska State Legislature revise those standards that are deterrents to Borough formation, and base them on the present economy of the State, also allowing for future change as necessity dictates.

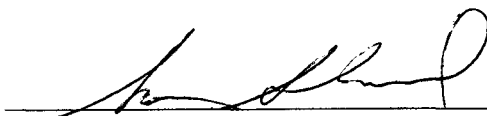
ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF Southeast Conference on September 19, 2002

Witness:



Tom Briggs - Southeast Conference President

Attest:



Loren Gerhard - Executive Director